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TWO WILMINGTON PRIESTS ELEVATED TO MONSIGNOR

Two former Parish Pastors of St. Thomas of Villanova Church, in Wilmington have been made Domestic Prelates by Pope Pius XII, as of the 12th day of December.

Among the ten priests elevated to the Monsignori as announced by Archbishop Richard Cushing were the Rev. Andrew J. White, Pastor of St. Ann's Church in Somerville, and the Rev. Albert J. Shea, pastor of St. James's Church, in Boston. The former spiritual leaders of St. Thomas Church, are to be known as the Right Rev. Monsignor Andrew J. White and the Right Rev. Monsignor Albert J. Shea.

The news of the elevation of the two priests has been greeted joyously in Wilmington, by persons of all faiths. Father Shea, who served here until recently, when he was transferred to St. James in Boston, was one of the most popular clergymen ever to serve in Wilmington, and Father White, who served here from 1936 to 1942 is still remembered affectionately.

Father Shea was ordained in Holy Cross, May 25, 1927 by Cardinal O'Connell, and his first assignment was St. James Church, in Boston, where he served for 24½ years. In December of 1946 he was assigned as Pastor of the St. Joseph's Church, in Kingston, and he came to Wilmington, to be Pastor of St. Thomas, in January 1951. He served here until June 7, 1954, when His Excellency, the Archbishop assigned him again to St. James, in Boston.

He was hailed, by the Boston newspapers, as a Hero Priest, on the night of the Coconut Grove fire, when he braved death many times, to administer the last rites of the Catholic Church to the dying victims.

During his pastorate in Wilmington, while attending a Diocesan conference in Boston, he was told that his church (now Villanova Hall) was on fire. During the hurried drive back, Father Shea has related, his one worry was that no one should be injured in that fire.

Father White was ordained in 1914, and served as a Curate in both Charlestown and Waltham. His first Church was St. Joseph's in Somerville, and he served as Pastor of St. Anthony's in North Woburn, St. Thomas in Wilmington and St. Philip's of Boston, where he served nine years after



THE RIGHT REV. MONSIGNOR ALBERT J. SHEA

leaving Wilmington.

Both the Monsignori will continue to serve their present parishes.

POSTOFFICES RUSHED BY CHRISTMAS MAIL

The two Wilmington Post Offices are experiencing the heaviest Christmas mail in their history. Postmaster Henry J. Porter of Wilmington stated last Tuesday evening that his office had cancelled over 120,000 letters and cards this season. Last year the total was about 101,000.

The North Wilmington Post Office has been equally swamped with Christmas mail Tuesday morning the office was filled to overflowing, when 45 sacks of mail arrived on the morning train.

TOWN HALL CLOSES FRIDAY NOON TO TUESDAY

Wilmington's Town Hall will close at noon, Friday for the Christmas Holidays. It will re-open Tuesday morning.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

Last Saturday evening at 6:30 the Football Banquet, a turkey dinner, the first public function to be held in the new gymnasium of the High School, was catered by Mrs. George DeLisle and her committee to nearly three hundred people.

At a prearranged signal from Mr. Anthony DeLuca, Master of Ceremonies, the cheerleaders and football squad marched in two by two and sat at a table reserved for them.

Welcoming remarks were made by Mr. DeLuca and then he made a formal introduction of the guests seated at the head table; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bean, former superintendent of Wilmington schools, Mr. Joseph Courtney, Town Manager, Mr. Bernard McMahon, principal of the High School, Mr. S. Albert Kaufman of the North Wilmington Synagogue, Coach Charles Hazel of Tewksbury, Mr. Robert Allen, half-back and most outstanding player in the Wilmington and Tewksbury game held on November 11. Mr. and Mrs. George Cogan, faculty manager, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cushing, physical education teacher in the Wilmington Schools, Mr. and Mrs. John Ritchie, Assistant Coach, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, present Superintendent of Schools, Miss Louise Conley, director of the cheerleaders, Mr. and Mrs. Constantine O'Doherty, Coach of the Football squad, the Reverend Richard Harding and Father Reagan.

A toast in which everyone joined was then made by the master of ceremonies; 'To the first public gathering in this gymnasium, to the very fine building committee members and the school committee members for their long hours of toil to make it become a reality and to all the people of Wilmington who gave their vote of confidence. And a toast to the success of our athletic students in all their endeavors through the use of the fine facilities.'

Invocation was then given by Father Reagan.

After the dinner, speakers from the head table made favorable comments suitable to the occasion. Following the speeches, Nancy Anderson, co-captain of the cheerleaders was called upon to present a gift to Mr. Larry Cushing and Lavinia Melzar, the other co-captain to present a gift to Mr. John Ritchie.

Miss Louise Conley with the assistance of Mr. Cushing presented the beautiful trophies to the following Senior Cheerleaders: Lavinia Melzar, Nancy Anderson, Rebecca Emery, Carol Ann Casey, Sarah Higginbotham and Jane Randell. Certificates for their school letters were given to the above mentioned and to the following girls: Barbara Gallison, Eleanor Kirkell, Margery Beddoes, Ruth Howell, Phyllis Ryan, Judy Graczyk and Marilyn Boyle.

Mr. O'Doherty then spoke and presented awards with the assistance of Mr. McMahon. Football sweaters and certificates for their letters were given to the following members of the football squad; Jay Palmer, co-captain, Bob Branscombe, co-captain, Butch Barrett, Jim Crehan, Bob Sweet, Andy Pupa, Jim Marsi, Bob Swanson, Bernie Nally, George Clements, Billy Hall, Jim Dawson and Jim Gass. Also the underclassmen, Don Sharp, Doug Andersen, Sam Cavallaro, Johnny Amaro, Bill Rosa, Don Weed, John Brown, Joe Casey, George Munroe, Ross Combs, Jerry Maloney, Billy Ethier, Billy Rooney and Bobby Brisbois received certificates.

Billy Hall was presented a trophy by Mr. O'Doherty for his being chosen as the most outstanding player on the Wilmington Football Squad and Teddy Nelson a trophy for the most outstanding work in management and for his exuberant school spirit.

Miss Melzar then presented a gift to Coach O'Doherty (Cont. on Page 7)

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The plans call for the erection of a contemporary modern building, which will be a complete new unit running parallel to the present church, and which will eventually be connected to the present building. The present structure will be used for educational purposes, after the construction of the new Church.

The new church is scheduled to seat about 280 persons, in the Sanctuary, with a narthax which will hold 55 persons.

Arland A. Dirlam, of Boston is the architect. He is now working on the finished plans for the new church, to be approved at a later date by all members of the church 18 years of age or older.

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'BUT WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS'

It isn't too many years ago that St. Thomas Church was assigned a new parish priest, named Albert J. Shea. At first he was just a name, another, clergyman in Wilmington, but it didn't take the people of this town long to know that Father Shea was one of the finest clergymen that ever graced our town.

To us, Father Shea is a person. He is a genial Irish priest, full of wit, humor and kindness. He is a friend of all, and the very finest type of person to be a clergyman. His first remark, to the Rev. Richard Harding, of the Wilmington Methodist Church has been taken for the keynote of this article. To Mr. Harding, when first meeting, Father Shea said 'We may differ on theological points, but we can still be friends'.

Now it is the Right Reverend Monsignor Albert J. Shea, Pastor of St. James Church. As a Domestic Prelate to Pope Pius XII he is a man of churchly distinction. He is considered a member of the Pontifical family, and has certain privileges not accorded a priest, including the wearing of dress similar to that of a bishop outside his diocese.

Without doubt, the recognition is entirely deserved, and without doubt there will be no change in the person of Albert J. Shea. He will still be a genial Irish priest, full of wit, humor and kindness, and a friend to all.

And the heart of Wilmington will go with him, wherever he goes.

THE NEW ZONING LAW

The new Zoning Law is only one month old. The effects of this law may already be noted, in Wilmington.

Readers of this paper will recall that last week the Walpole Woodworkers announced that they were buying land in Wilmington 'as a result of the new Zoning Law'. Now we have officials of the State Department of Commerce who are interested in the town, purely because of the economic advantages offered by the location of an industrial zone, close to the new Highway 28.

It may take a little time, but we feel that the residents of Wilmington will have nothing to regret, in voting the new law.

PASSING SCHOOL BUSES

Thanks to an editorial which appeared in the Boston Herald last Friday, this paper owes a mental apology to several residents of Wilmington. We have seen these residents pass the school buses, while they were blocking traffic, on Church Street, in the morning. We have considered the individuals to be high and mighty

persons, who have felt that 'The law doesn't apply to me'.

We were wrong, and it was the Boston Herald that told us.

The law says that every car shall stop, if it is going in either direction, on a street that is not divided, if a school bus stops. Most of the people of Wilmington have been very careful to observe this.

The law says further, that, having stopped, the cars may then proceed, at a speed of not more than 10 miles an hour, until past the bus.

It was this that the people of Wilmington, and ourselves, did not seem to know. We stopped, and we stayed stopped. We cursed other people who actually knew more about the law than we did.

And we thank the Boston Herald for setting us to rights.

WATER EXTENSIONS 1956

The Water Extension Committee has called for applications for streets which want water installed. Streets which have never before applied have until Dec. 30, 1955 to make such application. Applications are to be left with the Secretary of the Town Manager, in the Town Hall.

The Water Extension Committee has also called for resubmitting of applications for 'older' streets, that is streets which have applied before. Such streets must be newly applied for by noon of January 16, 1956.

In both cases the Water Extension Committee will consider these streets on a basis of the 'Betterment Plan' by which it is meant that ad-journing landowners will pay part of the costs, along with their taxes, over a 10 year (or possibly 20 year period). This plan has not only been voted by the Water Extension Committee, but by the Water Commissioners as well. It has not yet been voted by the town, it should be noted. The town will be called on to vote on this question at the Annual 1956 Meeting, but no one can predict how the town will vote.

The Water Extension Committee feels that it is important that the residents of the 'older' streets should submit applications anew, in order that the committee can be apprised of any changes that have taken place in recent years. Some streets are no longer interested, and other streets have many more houses than when they originally applied. In both cases the Water Extension Committee feels that they should be apprised.

The date for the older streets, we repeat, is Jan. 16, 1956.

WHY WAS THE VOTE RESCINDED?

We have been asked, by a puzzled citizen, as to the reason why Selectman Nicholas De Felice should make a motion, a week ago, to rescind a previous vote of \$3000 for installing water on Suncrest Avenue. 'The money was voted, the work done, and then the Selectmen took back the money' our puzzled observer has noted.

It is a simple matter of arithmetic. Only one water main was installed, but the money was voted twice, once by the Selectmen, and then later in the Special Town Meeting, to keep the Finance Committee happy. Two votes of \$3000 each totals \$6000 in the Town Accountant's books.

So Mr De Felice moved and the Selectmen voted to rescind the previous vote of the Selectman. That straightened out everything. Now \$3000 was voted and spent for the job, and the Town Accountant's books can again be balanced.

ADVERTISING

'Things are seldom what they seem. Skim milk masquerades as cream'. Thus sang Little Buttercup to the Captain of HMS Pinafore.

We are reminded of this by a recent release from the Boston Better Business Bureau which points out several cases of court action in recent weeks, with Boston automobile dealers in the position of defendant. It would seem that there has been fraud practised by some of these dealers.

Dealers have been offering seeming bargains. (Continued on page 3)

DENTAL CLINIC BENEFIT

On Monday evening, January 23, at 6:00 at the Wildwood School, the Wildwood parent's Club is serving a spaghetti supper for the benefit of the Wilmington dental clinic with dancing following the meal. According to reports from one of the members, the main support of the clinic has been withdrawn and it will now be the responsibility of all parents in the town to help to contribute funds to run this project. Many people evidently are unaware that the fees charged for the different treatments do not cover half of the cost involved and that contributions from others beside the community fund are desperately needed. This is the first time that any benefit for this purpose has been held and the Club hopes that the public will respond with much interest.

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What amazes us is that this type of advertising is permitted in some of the better Boston newspapers. Very clearly it has become a case of 'Let the buyer beware!'

THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The Board of Selectmen, Monday night, agreed at least partly that Harold McKelvey, of Border Avenue had a grievance, with respect to the recent Zoning Laws of Wilmington, voted November 30th.

Mr. McKelvey attended the meeting, armed with a letter, in which he had made four requests, 1, to rezone the land near his home for industrial purposes, 2, to install two street lights on Border Avenue, 3, to resurface Border Avenue with a black-top, and 4, to install water, with the water coming from the City of Woburn mains.

McKelvey spent quite a while explaining the topography of his neighborhood to the board, and pointed out that the land had previously been zoned for industry. He stated that he had attended several of the hearings of the Planning Board, before the vote, and at that time the maps were vague, but he understood that he had been assured that his land could become industrial. Instead, he pointed out, it became a Single Residence District. He told the Board that he owned 5½ or 6 acres on each side of the Woburn line, the majority of which was in small lots of land, and that he had prospective purchases of the land, for industrial use.

Mrs. Drew, the Chairman of the Board told McKelvey that she felt that if he wanted any articles in the Annual Town Warrant that he should get the necessary 10 signatures, and put them in himself. Nick DeFelice admitted that he was disturbed over the changes, pointing out that the railroad was nearby, and that the land would be good, for industrial purposes.

TM Courtney explained that the planning Board had been thinking of the hugh ledge nearby, and excluded it from the industrial zone-- 'You don't try to sell swamps to industry, and you don't try to sell extinct volcanoes'. He thought that the 300 feet of land from the Woburn line to the ledge, and down to the rail road track could be made industrial land again, and, later in the evening, on motion of E. Hayward Bliss, it was voted to refer the question to the Planning Board for their thoughts.

With reference to the streetlights, McKelvey told the Board that both TM'S Cushing and Walters had said that something would be done, but that he hadn't discussed it with the pre-

sent Board of Selectmen or Town Manager. Courtney investigated after McKelvey left, and found out that the town had accepted 250 feet on roadway, known as Woodlawn Avenue, in 1952

'for which one light should do'.

The Board didn't have any agreement on hot-topping the street because of the water question, it being their policy to have water installed before a roadway is surfaced. McKelvey had told the Board that the City of Woburn D.P.W. had said that water could be installed by them. DeFelice wanted to know why there wasn't a copy of any such letter for the Board of Selectmen. McKelvey was told to make out a petition for water, and file it with the Water Extension Committee before Dec. 30th at noon.

North Reading Water

A letter was received from the Board of Public Works in North Reading, asking for a meeting to discuss laying a water main on Old Andover Road (Virginia Road as voted by the Town of Wilmington) which runs through a section of Wilmington near Martin's Pond.

TM Courtney told the Board that he understood that the Town of North Reading was planning to install a booster station for their water department, in that area, and that a water main down Virginia Road would be helpful, to circulate water.

The Board was happy to hear this, as they have had petitions from the residents of this area (the 'Lost Colony' for water. The TM was instructed to discuss the matter with the Wilmington Water Commissioners, and the Town of North Reading.

Board of Health

Frank Hagerty and Vinal Lewis, of the Board of Health, attended the meeting to discuss reports emanating from last week's meeting, with respect to certain 'sheds' which had been discussed a week ago. They told the Board that they had inspected these places, and that, while they did not conform to the plumbing code, and the minimum area regulation, they were immaculate and well kept. Hagerty described the residents of one of the places as 'an elderly couple' and said that it would be an injustice, on the part of the Board of Health to take action here, when much worse places existed. Later he stated that the other place, to the best of his knowledge, was only a summer camp, and that it was used for week-end parties only. 'Maybe

they are noisy. I don't know, but that is to be expected from a summer camp'. The Selectmen told him that they were told it is now a home.

Hagerty referred to a case which the Board had handled during the past week, in which a family with 11 children had been burned out of their home, as deserving more attention from their Board. The man of the family, he said, had been without work for two months, but was now back at work in the River Plant, of the General Electric, in Lynn. Later Hagerty said that the pay for this man was \$82.00 a week. Hagerty told the Selectmen that the Board of Health had obtained temporary room for the family at the Tewksbury State Hospital, and that they were now living with relatives in Malden. Hagerty told the Board of Selectmen that the Board of Health was trying to raise money, by private contributions, to help the family get back on their feet. They had had to evict the family because of the condition of the home, and they felt that they could get a carpenter to get it back into livable condition, after which it would be up to him (the father). The family he said, ranged from a 15 year old girl to a 10 week old baby, 11 children in all.

Roosevelt Road

Elijah Lyman, of Taft Road was a visitor to the meeting. He told the Selectmen that last Tuesday or Wednesday, while blasting was in progress on Roosevelt Road, (in back of his home)

the blasts had cracked the ceilings in his home, in four places. He wanted to know what he was to do next.

The Selectmen told him that he should get estimates of the cost of repairs, from plasterers and painters, on their stationary, and submit these costs in duplicate, to the Selectmen, who would refer it to the Town Counsel. If nothing happened there he could then sue the town.

Selectman Black asked if anything had ever been done about the time Lyman's car had been hit by flying stones, after Lowell Street had been resurfaced, this summer. The answer was in the negative. 'We should get after it then', said Black.

The rest of the meeting was spent in executive session, presumably preparing the 1956 Town Budget

BATTERY THIEF GETS HOUSE OF CORRECTION SENTENCE

Harry Parker 70 Salem St. North Wilmington, was sentenced to serve three months in the Billerica House of Correction, after pleading guilty, in Woburn Court to two counts of larceny.

The sentence was imposed by Judge William Hinchey on Tuesday morning, with two terms of three months each to be served concurrently.

James Ellis, Adelman Road, an accomplice of Parker's, who pled guilty to one count of larceny was sentenced to one year's probation, while a third man

who lives in Tewksbury, had the finding of his case continued until Jan. 5th by Judge Hinchey. He had pled 'Not Guilty' to a charge of receiving property stolen by Parker.

Parker and Ellis had been arrested last Thursday by Sgt. John Imbimbo and Officer George Shepard of the Wilmington police. The two officers were investigating the theft of a 100 lb battery from a front end loader owned by Fred Jones, 74 Park Street, North Reading. The battery, which was valued at \$125, had been stolen from the loader while it was at the Bob Evans gravel pit, in North Wilmington. It was subsequently recovered from the home of the Tewksbury man, according to the Wilmington Police.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CAROL SING AT METHODIST CHURCH

The members and friends of the Wilmington Methodist Church will share in a Christmas Eve family carol sing, on Saturday December 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. The familiar carols will be sung by the members of the family and William Russell church school superintendent, will tell the story of 'How Come Christmas' by Ruark Bradford, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children last year.

The Rev. Stanley Cummings pastor of the Wilmington Congregational Church, has invited the Methodist Church parishoners to the Christmas Eve midnight service to be held in the Congregational Church beginning at 11:30 p.m.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO SING MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. MARY'S

The Children's Choir of St. Mary's, which will sing the Midnight Mass, for Christmas, with Father Joseph Leahy, the Celebrant. Before the Mass the children will sing the chorus of 'O Holy Night' which will be sung by James O'Keefe, soloist, who will also chant the Proper of the Midnight Mass.

Carols before Mass will include 'Angels We Have Heard on High, and 'Silent Night Holy Night'.

Parts of the Midnight Mass have been taken from 'Our Lady of Fatima Mass'. The program will be

'Asperges Me' - Mr O'Keefe
'Introit' - Mr O'Keefe
'Kyrie' & 'Gloria' - Choir
'Gradual' & 'Alleluia'

Mr O'Keefe After the Sermon the Offertory Chant will be by Mr. O'Keefe, and the choir will sing 'Ave Maria' by Arcadelt., together with Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnes Dei. For Communion the choir will sing Adeste Fideles, and Mr O'Keefe the Communion Chant.

After Mass the choir will sing the traditional 'Sleep Holy Babe'.

James Noll is the Choir Director, and his son James the Organist.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Families of the Methodist Church will worship as a group on Christmas Sunday, December 25th. Children of the Sunday School will attend the service with their parents and a nursery and kindergarten class will be held for the smaller children.

There will be only one service which will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Choir has prepared two beautiful Christmas anthems to be sung and the Reverend Richard Harding's sermon theme will be one of the favorite Christmas stories.

There will be a family Christmas Eve Service at the church at 6:00 p.m. with carol singing and the reading of the story 'How Come Christmas' by Mr. William Russell. The Youth Fellowship will go caroling following the service and return to the church for a social hour afterwards. The Junior Choir which meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 under the direction of Mrs. Robert Clark and assisted by Yolande Moe, will go Christmas caroling this year and will sing special Christmas music at the church.

ST DOROTHY'S CHURCH TO HAVE SERVICES IN ST. DOROTHY'S HALL STARTING CHRISTMAS DAY

St Dorothy's Hall, in what was once Thompson's Grove, will be the site for the Christmas Masses, and all subsequent services formerly held in the Silver Lake Betterment Hall. Father Joseph S. Leahy has announced. The first Mass will be sung at 8:45 am Sunday. The second Mass will be at 10:45 am.

The regular schedule of Masses will be held at St. Mary's in South Tewksbury, and the Christmas Mass will begin promptly at midnight. A Mass will begin at St. Dorothy's at about 12:10 to take care of the overflow from St. Mary's.

During the 1920's Masses were sung in Thompson's Grove, before the Silver Lake Betterment Hall was opened.

The Saturday morning Religious Instruction Classes will not be held until after the Holy Days. There will be confessions for all the children at 10 am Saturday, at St. Mary's. Children must be heard at this time because they cannot be heard in the afternoon or evening.

550 CHILDREN ATTEND ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

A Tableau, based on the Joyful Mysteries, and the Nativity Scene were reenacted by the children of St. Thomas Church, at their annual Christmas party at Villanova Hall last Sunday afternoon.

Rose Marie Rogers played the part of Mary, and Joseph was played by Christopher Burke Jr. The Shepherds were Eddie Woods, Richard White and Ralph Kelmon Jr. The Christmas Story was narrated by Miss Alberta McMullin, President of the Senior Class in St. Charles High School, Woburn.

The Junior Choir of St. Thomas provided the music for the tableaux.

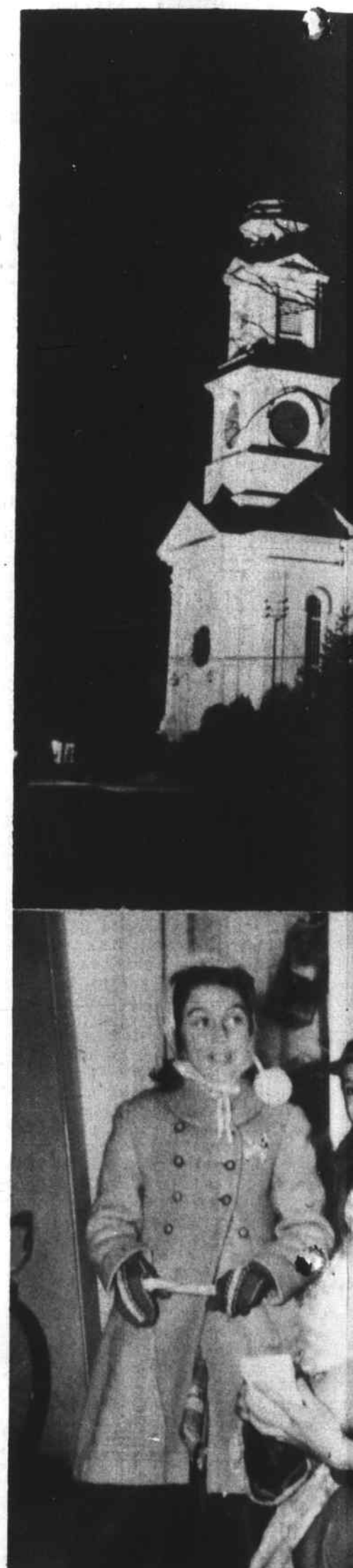
The Christmas party was sponsored by the men of the Holy Name Society and the ladies of the Catholic Daughters, with the assistance of the Sisters of Notre Dame from St. Charles in Woburn. Father John Regan was the Master of Ceremonies, and Santa Claus was represented by George Spanos, Mayor of Wilmington. All the children were presented with gifts by the H.N. Society and the Catholic Daughters, and Joseph Beaton, President of the Holy Name presented gifts to both Father Reagan and Father Edmund Croke.

WILMINGTON CHRISTMAS SCENES

The congregational Church, floodlit for the Christmas Season is easily the most beautiful scene in Wilmington today. At left is the Christmas Tree and decorations in Wilmington Square, while the young lady from Tewksbury, at right, is telling Santa at Weinberg's that she wants a doll with curly hair, for Christmas.

The pictures at far right are, from top to bottom, St. Thomas Choir, Congregational Choir, Forest Street Congregational Choir, with the new Pastor, the Rev. Harvey J. S. Blaney, and the Methodist Choir.

Above at left is the Children's Choir of St. Mary's Chapel, in South Tewksbury.



Carols before Mass, by the Senior Choir, with solos by Arnold Callahan, Mrs. Phoebe Young and Arthur Ahearn, will begin at 11:30 pm.

Mass in F, by Rosewig, will be sung by the choir, during the Midnight High Mass.

The soloists will be Arnold Callahan, Arthur Ahearn Gertrude Montuori and Mrs. Phoebe Young. At the Offertory the choir will sing 'Ave Verum' by Alexander Guilmant, and at Communion the choir will sing 'Adeste Fideles' with the solo by Mr. Callahan. For recessional the choir will sing Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis deo.

For Christmas day the Children's choir will sing at the 8:15 Mass and the 11:30 Mass, with solos by Dorothy Rogers and Gertrude White.

At the 10:30 Mass Mr. Eli Doucette will play the violin, accompanied on the organ by Mrs Estelle Shelley.

A Christmas party, for children of East Wilmington up to 12 years of age will be held in the EWIA hall on Lowell Street, on Dec. 24th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Children must bring a 25 cent exchange gift.

Organ Prelude: 'Good News
From Heaven the Angels
Bring---Pachelbel
Choral Introit
Call to Worship:

Minister: O come, let us
sing unto the
Lord:

All: Let us make a joyful
noise unto the rock of
our salvation.

Let us come before His
presence with Thanks-
giving.

Make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

Processional Hymn:
'O Come All Ye Faithful'

Collect for Purity

Rite of Infant Baptism

Anthem: 'Little Christ'

Sweet and Holy* --
Williams

Junior Choir

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's
Prayer with choral response

Solo: 'O Holy Night' -- Adam
Yolandi Moe

Scripture Lesson in word and song

'There Were Shepherds' --
Vincent

Fellowship of Sharing

Fellowship of Sharing
Offertory Anthem:

'And the Glory of the
Lord' -- Handel

from the Messiah

FROM THE MESSIAN
DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF

Doxology and Prayer of
Dedication

Dedication
Hours of Preparation:

Hymn of Preparation:
(Silent Night)

'Silent Night'

Christmas Meditation:

'Why the Chimes Rang'

Benediction

Postlude Ringing of th



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TOWN OF WILMINGTON



WATER EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the Water Extension Committee of the Town of Wilmington has called for renewal of applications for Water Extensions, from residents of those streets which have already applied, prior to Jan. 1, 1955. No street dated prior to this will be considered unless a revised application is submitted. Forms may be obtained and applications shall be left with the Town Manager's Secretary in the Town Hall.

Larz Neilson, Chairman
Water Extension Com.

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as recorded by Lucien Price
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Quotation from Price's Prologue: 'Be warned. Some of the matter in these dialogues is acutely controversial. There are books in which there is something to please everyone, and let us hope this will not prove entirely displeasing, yet I think it may be said with becoming modesty that in the following pages will be found something to annoy everybody including myself.'

Other books in the collection are:

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CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all the kind people who sent me cards while I was in the hospital and after my return home. I am very grateful for their good wishes.

Also, at this time I want to wish all my friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Winifred T. McMahon

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We wish, to all our friends in Wilmington and elsewhere a God Bless You, and a Merry Christmas.

Harold, Myrtle, Brenda & Kevin McKelvey

Great River, Vol. 1&2--Hargan Yankee Reformers--Mann Song of the Sky--Murchie Field Book of the Skies--Olcott

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TOM'S TYDOL STATION WINS FIRST DRAWING AT FIREMEN'S BENEFIT PARTY

Tom's Tydol Station, on Main Street was the 1st name drawn, at the Wilmington Fireman's Association Benefit Drawing, last Thursday evening. The prize was a Lazy Susan.

Other prize winners were: Alcamatic Cooker, William Manning Morse Ave; Elco Kitchen Tools, John B. Millis, Reading; Lubrication W. H. Andrews, Woburn Street; Covered Skillet, Anna Scallet, Somerville; Teddy Bear James E. Calvin, Reading; \$5 J. F. Sullivan, Crest Ave; Food Order, Richard Cutter Church Street; 5 Silver Dollars, W. P. Wheeler--Arling-

ton; 100 gals Fuel Oil J. B. Grinley, Woburn Street, Puppy, Helen Witham, Seaford Avenue; Set of dishes Jean Murray, Somerville; 10 Silver dollars, E. Cail Jr., Fairview Ave; 2 doz eggs, Jack Leonard, No Woburn; 10 silver dollars W. Mann, Taft Road; Teddy bear G. Sanlinelli, Milford NH.

Scatter rug, L. F. Bouvier, Middlesex Ave; Oilchange, M. C. Perkins, Malden; 10 gals gas, Ralph Swanson, Raffig Swanson; 2 suits cleaned, Saba Rizzio, Boston; Pop-up toaster, E. Cail Jr. Fairview Ave; \$5 meal ticket, Norma Hembree, Clark St; 25 gal oil Pearl B. Arthur, Cambridge \$5 groceries, W. Hwozdek, Bedford; Lubrication, Ray Wilsey, Lawrence; 1 gal paint, Ronald Shaw, Thurston Ave; Fancy Cake, Charles Hubbard, Church St; Bentyne-gum, Betty Downs, Crest Ave; Basket cookies H. Cail, Middlesex Av Ironing pad & cover H. Lindgren Wing Road; Ironing Bd. Elizabeth Kelley, Shawsheen Ave; Bathroom scale, Mary Morrissey, Somerville.

Pop-up toaster Irene Johnson, Wakefield; \$2 cash, Mildred Spencer, Medford; 25 gal range oil, John Amarello, B&MRR; 5 lbs sugar, S. Haywood, No Reading; \$2 cash, Roscoe Hand, Shawsheen Ave; Lubrication, 'Noodles' No Woburn; 1/2 gal ice cream James Redman, Everett;

Chicken dinners, Arthur Hallenborg, illerica, F. Snell, Somerville and J. C. Wodell; Pr lamps James F. Barrett, 28 Morse Ave; Cory coffee maker, Rose McGrath, Reading; 5 lbs sugar, Leigh Webster; 2 lbs choice candy Bill Widger, Fairview Ave; \$10 merchandise Ernest Masella, Melrose; Rearview mirror Carl Damelio, Birchwood Road; \$5 cash, Charles Webster, Church St; \$1 cash Norma Hembree, Clark Street Set kitchen ware, Margaret Imbimbo, Cottage St; Table lamp, John Tosey, Cambridge; Silex elec. Stove, Dorothy O'Brien, Somerville.

1 doz eggs, Dolly Hand, Shawsheen Ave; Table lamp; Earl Beddoes, North St; Oil change, Rita Fillippone, Hopkins Street; Chicken dinner John Cardercio, Truman Road; \$5 groceries, Leo Zannoni, Wakefield; 25 gals oil, Mary Medico, Somerville Box of apples, Ken Hatfield Wakefield; Shaving set, Anne Woods, Grand St; \$5 cleaning order, Henry Fillippone, Hopkins Street.

\$5 merchandise discount cards were won by Esther Moore, Morse Ave; Ken Hatfield, Wakefield; Mass. Trucking, Reading; H. Hwozdek, Bedford; William Anderson, Westdale Ave; Tom Barron, Parker Street, J. Lavacchia, No Woburn; Eleanor Burkee, Reading; N. Bonarrigo, 268 Burlington Avenue; John Vining, Pelham NH; Frederick Wood, Framingham, Helen Babine High St; Kay Downing Adams St; F. Turner, Brand Ave; Joseph Mc Manus, Central Street; Butch Hadley, Reading; Richard Cutter, Church St; Phyllis O'Neil, High Street; Deborah Kleynen, Harris Street; John Doyle, Somerville; and William D. Selent, Framingham

The Wilmington Public Schools will close for the Christmas Vacation, at noon time, Dec. 23rd, and will resume again on Jan. 3rd.



ANDY PUPA

Andy Pupa, of Kendall St., President of the Highschool Student Council, who is ill in the Mass. General Hospital.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Larz Neilson, Editor
Town Crier of Wilmington.
Dear Sir:

Your last issue contains an account of the Selectmen's discussion with members of the Shawsheen Ave. Association, on Dec. 12th.

First of all, I wish to compliment you on reporting as was said several times, that members of the Association were attending the meeting as private individuals, and not as a group as has been stated elsewhere.

I was one of those present and I wish to refute the denials of some of the Selectmen, with regards to building permits for one of the 'sheds' of which we spoke. In another paper, of which you were the editor, in the issue of Nov 26, 1952 a Tax Due notice was printed, which showed that the town had changed the status of a shed to an unfinished dwelling, a 'shed' which stood on posts. In this same paper you reported a building permit, on Nov 12, 1952, for a \$500 addition to this 'shed'. On Nov 19, 1954 you reported another, or maybe the same permit, for a \$500 addition.

We were told by the Selectmen and especially by Mr. De Felice that the Building Inspector had no record of such permits. Will you please refer them to your previous publication?

The Wilmington Board of Health during, I believe in 1952, visited these places at my request. They told me in a meeting which was reported by you, that they would not go along with any building construction at all, with reference to the 'shed'. You did not specifically report that fact, but you did report that there had been a conservation about these places.

I do not see how, by any moral or legal ethics the town can change a shed to an unfinished dwelling, and allow people to live in them and issue permits for \$500 improvements.

The Selectmen say that the building permits do not exist, I have your records, which I believe you got from the Building Inspector. How can the Selectmen and the Building Inspector explain this?

Yours Truly
Alexander Fairbrother

MERRY CHRISTMAS

COLD SNAP PLAGUES MOTORISTS

Wilmington's car owners had a real test for their cars, Tuesday evening as the mercury plummeted below zero. Garages and filling stations were kept open to a late hour, serving stranded motorists.

The temperature, at 8 am Tuesday was two degrees above zero in most parts of Wilmington. The highest recorded during the day was five degrees and, as nightfall approached the temperature dropped. By six pm it was three degrees below, and still dropping.

GAYLE HIBBARD

Gayle Hibbard, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hibbard, Roosevelt Road, died last Saturday, after a lingering illness. She was born in Woburn on Sept. 11, 1945, and had lived in Wilmington all her life.

The Rev. Almon Neveu, of Hartford Connecticut, an uncle of the little girl, sang a Requiem High Funeral Mass in St. Thomas Church at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

She is survived by her parents and three sisters, Sandra, Jane and Susan. The McMahon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Interment was in Wildwood cemetery.

TOWN MANAGER VOTE PETITION SUBMITTED

A petition to place upon the Warrant, for the Annual Meeting of 1956, an article calling for the question of revoking the Town Manager Act of Wilmington has been filed with the Town Clerk, Mrs. Mary Gilligan. It has appended 450 signatures. The statutes state that there shall be at least 1/10 of the voters to sign such a petition, before it shall be considered. There are 3608 voters in Wilmington, so that if the signatures are all found valid by the registrars the required number has been exceeded.

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FOOTBALL BANQUET

(FROM FRONT PAGE)

and Co-captain Robert Branscombe a gift to Mr. Ritchie and Co-captain Jay Palmer. Mr. DeLuca told all those present about Andrew pupa, a Senior member of the squad, who is seriously ill in the Mass. General Hospital and Father Reagan offered a prayer for his recovery. Mr. O'Doherty explained that he and some of the squad would take Andrew's awards plus the flowers on the head table and present them to him in the hospital.

Awards for selling the most tickets were given to Robert Brisbois, a gift of ten dollars, to Lavaina Melzar a gift of five dollars, to Joseph Casey and James Marsi gifts of three dollars each.

The dignitaries seated at various spots at the tables were then recognized by Dr. DeLuca; Mr. Simon Cutter, town moderator, Mrs. Waivie Drew, selectwoman, Mrs. Elmer Graczyk, member of the school committee and Mr. Ernest Crispo a member of the school board.

Some of the sponsors not listed on the program were acknowledged by Mr. DeLuca; Mr. George Spanos, Mr. Edward Curtis, The American Legion and Mr. Charles Crotty.

Thanks were then extended to Sergeants at arms: Lorraine Brennick and Anne Cavanaugh; to the Student Council Members and others of the High School; to Mr. Hambleton and his students for their printing services to Mr. Collins and other administrators for their help; and to Mr. Lester Smith and his assistants.

Thanks were given to the food committee under the direction of Mrs. DeLisle; Mrs. Marjorie Walsh; Mrs. Eileen Fuller, Mrs. Helen Babine, Mrs. Elizabeth Cutter, Mrs. Helen MacKay, Mrs. Mildred DaMelio, Miss Catherine Woods, Miss Theresa Fortunata. 'A job well done'.

A grand Thank You was given to the Banquet Committee; Mrs. Viola Melzar, Mrs. Helen Casey, Mrs. Jean Amaro, Mrs. Marjorie Andersen, Mrs. Laverne Randall, Mrs. Clara Crotty and Mrs. Madeleine Higginbotham.

Mr. DeLuca closed the program by thanking those who helped to make the task of the Master of Ceremonies such a light one and by wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

After the benediction by Mr. Kaufman, dancing was held in the gym with music furnished by an orchestra.

SLBA CHRISTMAS PARTY

96 children from families of the Silver Lake Betterment Association, enjoyed themselves and met Santa Claus, in the 18th annual Christmas party, held Sunday afternoon. Movies were shown and refreshments served before Santa arrived to pass out the gifts.

Mrs. Charles Baldwin, the General Chairman for many years, was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John McAndrew, Mrs. Roy Carlson, Mrs. Susan Larsen, Melvin Cassidy and Miss Dorothy Baldwin.

TOWN NOTES

Weather

So here we are again at the winter solstice. The sun, which has been journeying south, for six months turns today and heads back to our hemisphere. Once upon a time this was a time for rites, by ancient religions, such as the Druids, elaborate rites which were designed to persuade the sun to return. The sun, today, returns without persuasion, and our rites are of a more festive kind.

There were just little flurries of snow, in the past week, some on the 14th and .03 inches of snow and rain on the 15th. The ground, as of this writing (Sunday) is bare and hard.

The Conductor

If you want to start a little flurry of excitement, publish a picture of someone, taken about 40 years ago, and say you don't know who he is.

The Town Crier 'hit' the streets at 8 a.m. last Thursday. By 9:30 a.m. we had three telephone calls, from people who had identified the conductor, in their own minds, and since then about a dozen others have commented on him. (The conductor, of course, is the gentleman who appeared in the street car photo with the McMahon girls, last week).

The first to call was Raymond Fenton, of the General Realty Co. on South Main Street, down near Archibalds. Mr. Fenton knew that it was one of the Parker brothers, either Tom or Billy, and he believed it was Tom. Tom was a motorman, while Billy was a conductor. Billy had a high pitched squeaking voice, and was consequently known by the sobriquet of 'Steamboat'. His voice was matched only by the squeal of the car wheels, as they rounded Nichols corner (Somehow it was at Nichols corner that they reached their highest pitch).

Both Billy and Tom lived in North Woburn, while they worked on the cars. The street cars were always left overnight in the car barn (a massive wooden structure) which stood at the 'dividing line' between 'Little Italy' and 'North Woburn' in Woburn. Billy later moved to Lowell, and he was living in that city when he died a few years ago. Tom now lives in Winchester, where he is a special policeman.

Some of our old timers are of the belief that the conductor in the picture is Jack Noonan, who was a very popular man in those days. As we say, we don't know. We incline to the belief, however, that it was Billy (Steamboat) Parker.

There are two persons who could probably really give us an answer, Ernie Cail (Senior) and Louis Nichols, but we haven't seen them. Louis who is now the custodian of the Swain School, was a motorman on that line until he quit when the Eastern Mass. started running buses. Louis didn't want

to drive a bus, and he went to work instead, as a delivery man for Buck Brothers.

Who's Hunting Who?

Officer George Fuller, of the Wilmington Police, had a good laugh on himself, this weekend just past. It seems he went to Bristol, N. H. to do some deer hunting. He, another fellow, and a guide entered a swamp where five deer were reported to be living. They spent all day crawling around on their hands and knees, beneath timber fallen as a result of the hurricanes, and got nary a deer.

Just as it got dark they discovered that the deer, curiosity stricken, had spent the day following them!

The New Bank

The new bank is going up, down in Wilmington Square. We are indebted to the Middlesex County Bank for one of their new calendars, which, this year, for the first time, has another town named on it;-- WILMINGTON.

Letter

One of the nicest things we have seen, in the past few months, was a letter written by Mrs. Amos Durkee, in her 90th year. It was shown to some of her friends, after her death a few weeks ago.

It is mostly in the English language, but ends in a French wish, which is almost a prayer. It is a remarkable letter for a lady of 90 years who had only one year of schooling in her lifetime. We wish we could publish it, but her heirs feel differently about the idea.

Roosevelt Road

We note that it is now possible to drive from Swain Road, to Boutwell Street, over Roosevelt Road. The street was first accepted in 1947, but it wasn't until some of the residents started squawking, this summer, that anything was started. It was quite a tough job for the Highway Department, involving blasting a lot of rock, and filling in swamp in between.

One section of the road came in for a little criticism, because it was made so wide. Some people call it the 'boulevard'. As we look at it, the Highway Department had to change its mind, after part of the work was done, and lay the road in a different place, which accounts for the excessive width.

Die Tannenbaum

Every year Herbert Barrows gives the Town of Wilmington a very nice Christmas tree, one that could easily bring a considerable sum of money, if sold. (This year he gave two).

Every year the tree which is set up on the Common has been subject to vandalism, but this year is worse than ever. Bill Babine, the tree warden, is simply disgusted. So far he has had

to repair the tree three times, because of kids climbing up and breaking the branches. Light bulbs have been stolen, three times, as well. The police caught three youngsters, who were turned over to their parents, but evidently more are involved.

Last year there were over 50 bulbs stolen, and the year before it was the same story. It just seems too bad.

Industry

There are a lot of rumors flying around, about new industry coming to Wilmington. Our faithful spies have been very busy, and we have had quite a few telephone calls. We have been told about New York cars, and Ohio cars, and parties of well dressed men scouting through the woods.

We don't know about the New York cars, but we would guess the reports about Ohio cars might be on account of our revaluation program. The company which is doing the work has their headquarters in Ohio.

We had two reports from Woburn street, about an industry going to locate there and we had another saying it was to be on Eames street (maybe a different industry, we don't know). One of our informers is positive that a plastics company is coming to Wilmington, but we don't know how he knows.

If the TM knows anything he is keeping mum.

The Most Beautiful Christmas Scene

Father Shea, the other day, told us that he had driven through Wilmington, and he believed that the floodlighting of the Congregational Church was the most beautiful scene, for Christmas, in Wilmington.

Father Shea didn't see the church from the other side. Stand on Glen Road, near the Lawrence Street sign, to see the most beautiful Christmas scene.

The houses on Glendale Circle are all very well lighted, and, behind them, in silhouette from the floodlights, is the tall spire, reaching heavenwards.

Ice

We are indebted to Ronald Shaw for some observations on the ice at the Rotary Park Skating Pond. Ronald who is about six feet four, has inspected the new pool every day, and faithfully reported to us on the safety or non-safety features of the ice.

He has no doubt but that the ice takes longer to form there, than in other pools in town, and says that early skaters should keep away. Ronald believes that there are springs, in the lower end of the pool, which keeps the ice from freezing.

Cold?

Cold? Shivering? Has the temperature got you down? Consider the case of the robin, which was seen on the lawn of the Carl Connors house, on Middlesex Avenue, last Thursday morning!

FIFTH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Pastoral Symphony, by Handel, as a prelude played by Professor Kelley on the console of the organ, opened the Fifth Annual Candlelight Service of the Congregational Church, last Sunday at 5 pm. Carols and hymns were sung by both the Junior and Senior Choirs.

With the Rev. Stanley Cummings as the reader, a pageant of the Nativity was portrayed, with Miss Nancy Andersen and Malcolm Jones as Mary and Joseph, Robert Sweet, Ernest Woodside and Thomas Craig as Shepherds, and Donald Wetherbee, Charles Rounds and Fred Thorpe as the Wise Men.

'He Shall Feed His Flock' by Handel, was the postlude.

DANCE AT VILLANOVA HALL ON DECEMBER 28TH

The Holy Name Society of St. Thomas, and the CYO are to conduct a dance at villanova Hall on Dec. 28th.

The orchestra will be Al Mitchell's. Tickets are 75¢

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THURSDAY Dec 22

- 3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Hazel Brown's
3:15 Brownies at Mrs. Dorothy Siteman's
2:30 to 4:30 Handy Hands Club
3:15 Busy Needles
6:30 ME boys basketball
7:00 P of H Meeting at Margaret Calnan's
7:00 Troop 58 at SLBA
7:30 Rainbow Girls' Meeting and Xmas Party

FRIDAY Dec 23

- 3:15 Girl Scouts at Walker School
3:30 Girl Scouts at ME Church
7:00 Cong. Junior High Basketball
8:00 Junior Class Dance at High School

SATURDAY Dec 24

- 7:00 Outdoor Caroling by Cong. Young People
11:30 Midnight Service at Cong Church

SUNDAY Dec 25

Special Xmas Day Worship Services at all Churches

TUESDAY Dec 27

- 3:00 Girl Scouts at Cong. Church
3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Arnold Blake's
3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Mabel Butt's
3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Shirley Lyon's
3:30 Brownies at ME Church

WEDNESDAY Dec 28

- 12:30 Meeting of the South Branch
3:15 Brownies at Mrs. Alice O'Hare's
7:00 Troop 56 at Cong Church

WEDNESDAY Jan 4th

- 8:00 Grange Hall Corp. Ann. Meeting & Election

FRIDAY Jan 20th

- 8:00 Sports Nite, Villanova Hall

MONDAY Jan 23rd

- 6:30 Spaghetti Supper at Wildwood School for Dental Clinic

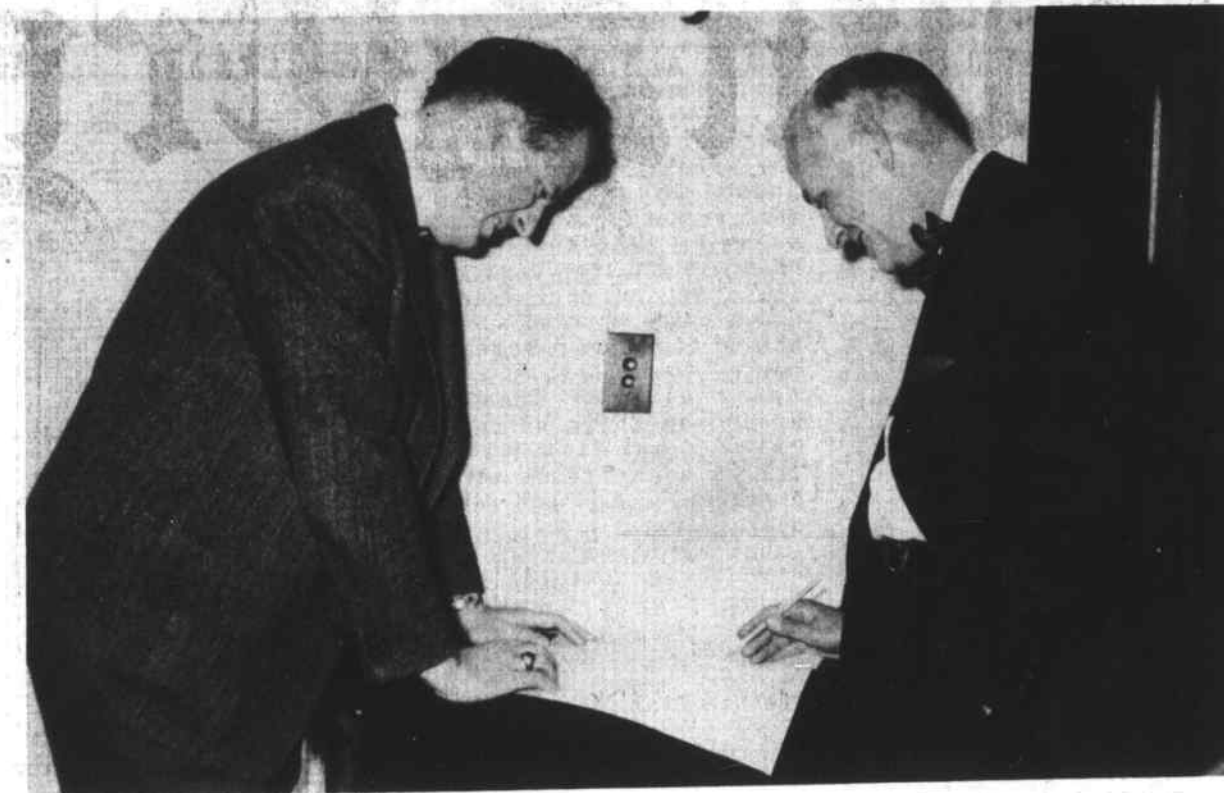
Wedding...

MILLS - PAUL

At a 2:00 ceremony last Saturday afternoon at Saint Thomas Church, Miss. Marjorie Ann Mills, daughter of the late Mr. Owen Mills and Mrs. Bertha L. Mills of 396 Main Street and Mr. Edmund Paul of Haverhill, were united in marriage by the Reverend Father Croke.

The bride wore a gown of white crystalet, cocktail length and a shoulder length veil and carried a mixed bouquet of white roses and stephanatis. Her matron of honor, her sister, Mrs. Robert H. Foley of Winchester wore a gown, the color of an American Beauty Rose with a velvet bodice and taffeta skirt and carried American Beauties.

Mrs. Mills wore a blended grey and pink gown and pink hat with black shoes and a coat of crushed rose. The groom's mother wore a navy outfit with a crystal blue



STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LOOKS AT WILMINGTON
Elmer 'Mike' Young of the Mass. Dept. of Commerce, with Town Manager Joseph Courtney, looking over the new changes in the Town Crier map of Wilmington. The new Zoning Law was approved by Atty. General George Fingold on Dec. 13th.

hat. Both mothers wore corsages of red and white roses. The best man was the groom's brother, Robert and the two ushers were Victor Caren, uncle of the groom and George Sargeant, a cousin of the groom.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother Richard C. Mills of Woburn and she had appropriate music played during the service by Mr. Shelley, organist, and two selections were sung. The guest book was in charge of Miss. Beatrice Paul of New Jersey, a cousin of the groom.

An informal reception was held at the church and afterwards the members of the families were served dinner at the Shaker Glen House. For her going away ensemble, the bride wore a gray suit, red hat and natural colored leather shoes and bag.

The bride graduated from Wilmington High School in 1952 and has been working for the New England Trust Company in Boston. The groom graduated from Haverhill High School in 1949 and then served four years in the Army. He is now a student in Springfield College training to be a teacher of physical education.

After December 27th the young couple will make their home in Springfield.

BAKER-MUNRO

Last Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in the Methodist Church, the Reverend Richard Harding united in marriage Miss Joan Arlene Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley H. Baker of 4 Cedar Street and Mr. Donald E. Munro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Munro of King Street.

The sanctuary was decorated with white pom-poms and Mrs. Wilbur T. Staveley played the traditional organ music during the ceremony and accompanied the soloist, Mr. George W. Calnan who sang the numbers, 'Because' and 'The Lord's

Prayer'.

Miss Beverly Bennet of Burlington Avenue was the bride's maid of honor and she wore a long turquoise colored gown with matching hat and carried pink roses. The groom's brother, Henry G. Jr., was the best man and the ushers were Wesley Baker, Jr., brother of the bride and Bernard Eaton of Main Street.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white winter satin with chapel length train and an illusion veil of nylon tulle and she carried a bouquet of white roses.

Mrs. Baker, mother of the bride, was gowned in pink moire with brown accessories and the groom's mother wore a navy print with navy accessories.

The reception was held at the V.F.W. Hall where Miss Joy Canalas of McDonald Road had charge of the guest book.

The new Mrs. Munro was graduated from Wilmington High School in 1953 and is now a Junior in Salem State Teachers' College where she plans to continue her studies. The groom attended Wilmington Schools and has served in the Navy in the Pacific area as Seaman 1st Class for four years. He is now working in Woburn for the New England Paper Box Company.

After the first of the year, Mr. and Mrs. Munro will be at home at 3 Fairlee Street in Somerville.

ST DOROTHY'S WHIST

A whist party held last Thursday evening at St. Dorothy's Hall was conducted by Ernest Crispo, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Daley, Mrs. William Tattersall, Mrs. Isabella Crispo, Robert Crispo, Mrs. Edward Welling, Mrs. James Fleming, Mrs. John McAndrew and Mrs. Leonard Chisholm.

Winners of the special prizes were Agnes Connors, and Lillian Chapman. Other prizes went to Mrs. George Brabant, Evelyn Morrice,

Agnes Romano, Carla Bonin, Mary McKay, Gladys Babine, Anna Gagnon, Gladys Sullivan, Mrs. H. Gove, Mrs. Burke, W. Doherty, Neil MacFeeley, Frank King, Teresa Foss, Mrs. Lincoln, Jan Charnock, Mrs. Hamilton, Marion Woller, Mrs. G. Paquette, Joe Snay, Mary Sotile, Louise Thomas, Frank Romano, Carmen Sadler, Mrs. Chapman, Wm. Hennessy, G. Baldwin, Dan Cooney, Adeline Riley, Jack Laguidara, Edward MacLean, Patricia MacFeeley, F.S. Leverone, John Tedder, C. Donahue, J. Souza and Margaret Hourihan.

Mr. Crispo took the opportunity to thank his committee and those who assisted in the party.

Parties scheduled for the month of January are Friday evenings on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 28th to be held in St. Dorothy's Hall, Main St.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Junior High Basketball at 7 pm Friday.

The young people of the parish will meet at the community Christmas Tree in the Square to sing carols on Saturday at 7 pm. Following the singing of carols also at the homes of shut-ins there will be a Christmas party at the parsonage.

The annual Christmas Eve service in the Sanctuary will be held on Saturday night from 11:30 to 12:00, to which all are cordially invited.

There will be no Church School next Sunday, Dec. 25th. Two identical Church services will be held, at

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., with special music by the junior and senior choirs. Baptisms will take place at the first service, at 9:30, and parents are asked to notify the minister if they wish to present their children. There will be no

further events at the church during the remainder of Christmas Sunday.

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